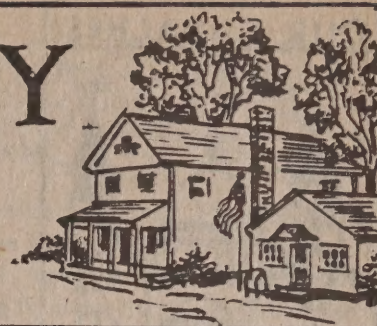


MONTEREY NEWS

JUNE 1984



MONTEREY TOWN MEETING

The most discussion at the Monterey town meeting this year centered around approval of the annual budget.

Although most of the town officer salaries remained the same, the tax collector, the town clerk and the town treasurer received sizable increases of up to \$2,655 for the treasurer, which more than doubled the previous salary.

Selectman Stefan Grotz defended the raises, saying, "We must provide our employees with some reasonable compensation," that if Monterey does not, the time will come when people cannot be found to fill the slots.

Mr. Grotz was referring to the recent difficult Monterey had in finding a treasurer.

Selectman Jed Lipsky pointed out that these three positions are vital, and that each person had given up at least one room in their homes to conduct town business, for which they are not reimbursed.

Comparison with salaries in other towns is not valid, according to Selectman Hans Kessler, because job descriptions vary from town to town. Although there was opposition to these salary increases, the budgeted amounts passed, 44-42, by hand count.

The new position of town office secretary was created, separating the duties from those of the assessor's appraiser, until now all done by Cynthia Weber.

Mrs. Weber stated that the growth of the town in recent years had outdistanced her time available to do both jobs. The alternative of contraction with an outside assessor every several years was discussed, but it was Mrs. Weber's finding that such firms are very expensive, far beyond the cost of paying her to do the assessing locally and keeping values current.

Employees of the Town Highway Department also received approval of raises, particularly the highway superintendent, who went from \$16,640 to \$18,600 per year. The Selectmen had boosted the amount recommended by the Finance Committee, and defended this action adamantly, citing the large, expensive equipment operates and oversees, and the long hours he works.

A bit of debate erupted over the issue of the light at the intersection of Routes 23 and 57. The Selectmen have decided to put two lights there, and the necessity of this expense was questioned.

The intersection is the most heavily used in Monterey, the only place where two numbered routes come together, yet there is no light. The intersection is a well-known danger spot.

Two lights were recommended and approved.

The town approved the purchase of a large Oshkosh truck

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THE FLOOD OF '84

As Nina Tryon sat on her front porch on the main street and watched, Ray Tryon and his construction company rescued downtown Monterey from a fast-rising flood.

The rains started Memorial Day and continued into the week. By Tuesday afternoon the town's streams were overburdened, and every little creek was over its banks, finding new paths, or spreading into fields. Barnum Flats was a large, shallow lake, completely closing Curtis Road. Swann Road, the gravel road next to the Roadside Store, was transformed into a two-foot-wide center path with four-foot-deep gullies on either side, isolating residents up the road. A thirty-foot-long section of Highway 23 near Chestnut Hill Road was undercut by raging waters, and the entire right-hand lane going toward Otis dropped two feet.

In the village center water suddenly rose three to four feet in half an hour when logs, debris and even Ernie Westberg's bridge washed downstream and caught on the dam. The backyards on the south side of the street were under water, the library basement was flooded, and the General Store basement was flowing water.

Tryon Construction used the backhoe, chained to a bulldozer, to clean the debris off the dam. The waters receded immediately. Tryon also built a five-foot-high dike upstream behind his garage, where waters were threatening to overflow the banks. Commented one local resident, "It's nice having a construction company in town!"



Westberg bridge lodged on Konkapot River dam



CATHOLIC CHURCHES

Masses Schedule

Our Lady of the Valley, Sheffield

Saturday, 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, 7:30 and 10:30 a.m.

Immaculate Conception, Mill River

Sunday, 10:00 a.m.

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Worship and Regular Meetings

Church school, Sunday at 10:30 during morning worship. Morning worship each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. with childcare at same time in the Social Room. Choir rehearsal Tuesdays, 6:15 p.m. at the Brallier home. Meditation and prayer, 7:30 a.m. in the Social Room. All are invited. Bible study, Thursdays, 7:45 p.m. at the home of Lucy Smith.

PENTECOST CELEBRATION

Pentecost will be celebrated in the Monterey Church during the 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship on Sunday, June 10. Pentecost is often spoken of as "the third great festival of the Church," following Christmas and Easter. Pentecost is referred to as the birthday of the church, and it is celebrated especially as the time in which the first believers received the Holy Spirit. For all these reasons it is not hard to understand why Pentecost Sunday assumes such a significant role in the festival days of the church.

A truly festive service is being planned for the Pentecost celebration. Adding to the festivities is the reception of new members into the fellowship of the church. The theme of the worship will be "The New Spirit at Work within Us." All community people are invited.

PEACE OFFERING

The United Church of Christ speaks of itself as becoming a peace church. In recent years a stronger and stronger weighting has been placed on the United Church of Christ in peacemaking. For the first time a new offering is being instituted throughout the fellowship. A peace offering is being received. The monies from this offering will be divided equally between national, state and local. What we give will not only help finance state and national programs that are peace-related, but it will be an encouragement for us to develop an even more imaginative peace program. The Mission Committee is helping us all to prepare to make this a generous offering.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS

Joe Baker, musician, artist and craftsman will be the speaker at the first meeting of the summer season. The session will be held on Friday evening, June 22, in the museum at 8 p.m.

Mr. Baker makes and repairs Renaissance and Baroque stringed instruments in his shop on Hupi Road in Monterey. Though a biologist by training, he has taken courses at Boston University under the foremost maker of ancient stringed instruments in the country. He plans to play and demonstrate with the unusual instruments which he will bring with him.

The curator of Naumkeag and other Monterey craftsmen will be with us at meetings on July 27 and September 14.

Do come and bring a friend and neighbor.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY PLANS FOR SUMMER

At a recent meeting of the directors of the Monterey Historical Society, plans for the coming season were formulated.

Three meetings have been scheduled for the summer months, to be held on June 22, July 27 and September 14 in the museum.

With three houses already on the National Register, a discussion of the manner by which all houses over 100 years of age could be identified was resumed.

Committee appointments and assignment of maintenance chores completed the meeting.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE MASSACHUSETTS UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

The Monterey Church is to be represented at the Annual Meeting of the United Church of Christ in Massachusetts on June 15-17 at Mt. Holyoke College in South Hadley. In addition the pastor and other delegates, Stewart and Jean Stowell will also be in attendance because of their responsibility to help promote New Initiatives in Church Development in the Western area of the state.

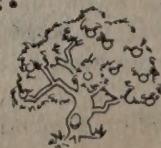
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GOD AND HUMAN CHOICE

At a recent peace gathering in the Southern Berkshires several people declined to participate. It was not that they had no interest in peace nor that they were indifferent to avoiding nuclear confrontation, but rather that they believe the solution to the increasingly dangerous position we find ourselves in is not within human hands. They admitted that a nuclear war was too horrible to contemplate, so they concluded that God simply would not let it happen.

I, too, believe in the power of God and in God's ability to act. But I have the dilemma of also believing in the freedom that God has entrusted to persons and nations. Through the ages people have referred to God as omnipotent, meaning all powerful. By this it is generally understood to mean that God can do anything that God wants to. The reasoning applied at the time of the peace gathering is that the destruction of the world by nuclear blast, fire and radiation surely could not be the will of a good God. So it follows, then, if God does not will it, and since God is omnipotent, it will not happen.

This reasoning is very interesting, yet I think it flies in the face of what we know about our life on this planet thus far. It keeps ignoring the awesome gift of freedom that God has placed in your hands and mine. Though we like to speak of God's omnipotence we tend to forget that God has self-limited the divine power by giving us freedom to act, and God is quite well known by now for not throwing thunderbolts at us simply because we engaged in self-defeating and destructive ways.

In creating humanity, God did not create automatons or robots. The human creature was made to have a will like unto God's will. In the Genesis creation story the declaration is made that humans were "made in the image of God." This is where the fat got into the fire and it is why we are forever getting tangled up in trying to separate the roles of the divine and the human. There is no way we can neatly separate the divine story from the human one; there is no telling of the human story apart from the divine. There are many attempts, of course, but they always keep falling to the ground. Many generations ago there was certain confidence that humanity had "progressed" to the place that we could now proceed quite nicely, thank you, without referring further to divine sources.



By definition what we mean when we say *God* cannot be defined. Any statement I make about God is of necessity partial and distorted. For that matter, I am not very confident that any of us can very successfully define what *human* means either. In my lifetime quite a shift has taken place in our understanding of what it is to be human. So, whether we are talking of what we mean when we say God, or whether we are talking of what we mean when we say human, we are dealing more in mystery than we are in knowledge.

What does become very evident if we study the pathway of religions or if we examine human cultures, we simply cannot separate the stories about the human and the divine. They are

inseparably intertwined about each other. For this reason it turns out to be an exercise in foolishness to talk about God preventing the world's destruction through nuclear catastrophe while ignoring the human dimension. It would be equally foolish to talk about human will, energies and cleverness solving our nuclear madness without reference to God.

There are qualities we attribute to God even as we admit the limitations of our understanding. We say that God is *love*. We acknowledge in God the thrust within our humanity toward *unity*. The Biblical tradition through both the Old and New Testaments places God squarely on the side of justice in all human dealings. Admitting that our understandings of what we mean by God's active participation in love, unity and justice are limited, still we know that without these qualities there can be no lasting peace on the earth. I do believe that God is exercising great energy toward people learning to love, that the Eternal is providing the thrust to bring peoples of the earth into a state of unity, and that the Everlasting Goodness will not let us rest until justice prevails throughout the planet earth. I do pray God to help us give up our violence toward each other and show us how to live in peace. But in no way do I imagine that God will bring us to a state of peace without you and I and others learning and exercising the ways of peace.

— Virgil V. Brallier, Minister
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Our eager, grave-eyed children;
Which fruits of wisdom's harvest,
Warm-ripened by the years?*

*Let us give them laughter,
A legacy of laughter,
That they may go bright-girded
Through their own vale of tears.*

— Patricia Howard

YOUTH NEWS

Cub Scout Pack #51

The boys have been finishing up their Wolf Badge Achievements, which will be awarded on May 23. On May 15 they planted marigolds at the New Marlborough American Legion Hall. They appreciate the use of the building for the past year.

Junior Girl Scout Troop #466

Troop #466 has been finishing up their badge requirements and badges have been ordered. The girls had a very good year and earned several badges thanks to the help of Barbara Swann. On the weekend of May 11-13 four of the girls attended the annual "Chimo" camping event at Camp Marion White in Richmond. "Chimo" means "friend" in Eskimo language and the girls, Tasha Grotz, Meghan Bradley, Jenny Brown and Jessica Thorn, along with Linda Whitbeck and Tish Thorpe, met many new friends there. Even the wet-wet weather on Saturday didn't prevent the four girls from going on a 15-mile bike ride. The last meeting for the year was May 16, but they will be getting together for an awards ceremony in early summer.

Brownie Troop #237

On a beautiful spring day the troop went on a hike at Erin and Meghan Sadlowski's house. Their father, Bill, gave the troop a very interesting tour of his apple orchard. He also caught each Brownie a salamander from the pond. The troop then hiked up the mountain looking for signs of spring. Thank you to Bill for giving the girls his time and expertise. For Mother's Day the Brownies made beautiful spice hangings to give to their mothers.

Youth Group

On Sunday, May 6, the group had a treasure hunt. Afterwards, they celebrated the birthdays of members Connie Amstead, Doug Brown, and Katy Bradley with two birthday cakes. On Mother's Day the young people held a Pancake Breakfast at the Monterey Firehouse. It was a big success! About 120 attended and the group earned \$150. They would like to thank everyone who helped them with this latest venture.

Other News

Karen Hayes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Hayes, and Sherri Burkholder, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Burkholder, have been named the top scholars in the class of 1984 at Mount Everett Regional High School. Both girls will receive bronze statuettes at commencement exercises to be held at the school on June 9. Miss Hayes, valedictorian, has been active in the school's Student Council and was executive editor of the yearbook. She plans to attend Quinnipiac College in Connecticut and major in business communications. Miss Burkholder has been named salutatorian. She was this year's Bausch & Lomb science award winner and was awarded the Massachusetts School Superintendent's Award for Academic Excellence. She plans to attend Dartmouth College in New Hampshire and major in public administration.

Honor Roll

The Mount Everett Regional High School honor roll for the third quarter of the 1983-84 school year lists 41 students, or 13

per cent of the 320 students in grades 9 to 12.

To attain high honors, a student with four or five major subjects must have all As. With six or seven subjects, a student must have all As except for one B. For honors, students must have all As or Bs.

Grade 12—High Honors: Sherri Burkholder, Karen L. Hayes. *Honors:* Laurie Briggs.

Grade 10—Honors: Monika Pizzachemi.


The 7th and 8th grade students receiving high honors achieved 90 per cent or above in their major subjects and 80 per cent or above in all minor subjects. Students receiving honors must have achieved at least 80 per cent in all subject areas.

Grade 8—High Honors: Janet Thieriot.

Grade 7—Honors: Shelby Loder, Frederick Vorck.

Little League

Newcomers to the Monterey Yankees are Ken Nicholson, John Pizzichemi, Mark Phillips and Erin Murfitt. The season has been cut down to ten games because of weather conditions in May, but they will have two pre-season games. The All-Star Game will be July 1. The Little League will be selling raffle tickets soon. This is their only fund-raising effort, so be sure to buy your tickets early. See you at the games!






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July 16-20 and 23-27 — elementary classes

Swimmers—9:30 a.m. Intermediate—10:00 a.m.

Advanced Beginners—10:30 a.m. Beginners—11:00 a.m.

Charge by Red Cross—60¢ per student (for materials)

Lifeguard on duty, afternoons, June 23-September 3, is Cheri Briggs. *Lifesaving class*: Contact Cheri, 528-9669, or Fran Amidon, 528-1233. *Permission slips* for swimming classes are available at Roadside and Monterey General Stores and Milly's. Please sign up early! We want you all there. It's a wonderful opportunity.

New this year! Beach stickers!

These are for Monterey residents to put in their cars, as a visible method of identification. It will facilitate checking for the parking attendant. *Charge*: A token fee of \$5 per family is requested. *Pick up stickers and pay* at the Town Offices mornings during the week. They are available now—528-1443—or *mail for them*—just enclose your check of \$5, payable to the Monterey Park Commission, and a self-addressed envelope and save yourself time. Send them to the Town of Monterey, Attention: Park Commission. *Any groups* planning to go to the beach must check with the Park Commission to work out a time. Our tiny beach just won't handle groups at peak times, safely or comfortably. **BEACH RULES**: No floating objects, swim within buoy lines, no dogs allowed. The trash barrel is only for beach litter. *No motors* are allowed through the tubes on Brewer Pond, for those of you new to the area.

Do you know the State Boating Laws?

We've had some requests for same. You can mail for the booklet to: Massachusetts Division of Marine and Recreational Vehicles, 64 Causeway Street, Boston, MA 02114.

The following are some excerpts from this state rule book. Yes, the State and Town Police do check periodically.

- Every boat shall carry at least one floatation device for *each* person aboard.
- NO person shall operate any motor boat:
 - under the influence of liquor or drugs;
 - negligently, to endanger the safety of the public;
 - to pull a water skier at night;
 - towing a skier without a spotter *over 12 years of age*;
 - towing a skier without a ladder.
- Motor boats must be operated a safe distance (150 feet) from boats, water skiers, rafts and bathing beaches.
- A motorboat operator shall not allow anyone to ride on the deck or gunwales
- Rights of way: In meeting head-on, both vessels turn to starboard (right). Sailing craft have the right of way. Keep to the right in a narrow channel.

Water Ski Hand Signals

Faster: palm pointed up

Speed okay: thumb and forefinger form circle

Back to drop-off area: arm at 45° angle pointing down and swinging.

Stop: hand up, palm forward (policeman's style)

Slower: palm pointed down

Right turn: arm out, point right

Left turn: arm out, point left.

Overloaded boats are a temptation, but a grave danger. Check *your* boat's capacity; six inches of freeboard is a good rule of thumb.

A new raft is happening, and infield work will start soon, thanks to the voting of funding at the Town Meeting. Your interest and support in our parks and recreation tells us we are going in the right direction. We shall try to grow with safe, enjoyable facilities.

Rick Mielke has spruced up the ballfield to keep it one of the best in the area. Thanks to Jim Bynack and Lyman Thompson (our own ex-Little Leaguers, all) for their help there. Leroy and the '84 Little Leaguers are in full swing—the basketball court is busy, the lake is 70°—Happy Summer.

With the growth of the town, the use and needs of our parks and facilities grow, too, which in turn means more organization and rules. We would all like to stay small, intimate and simple, but that can't be, so please bear with us in our sincere attempt to keep up with the growth in a safe, comfortable, enjoyable way for all. We remain—your waterlogged servants (I write this during the storm)—

— Fran, Steve and Debbie

Monterey Tennis Courts?

Is there enough interest among residents of our town to build Monterey tennis courts? The Park Commission has initiated some early groundwork with regard to this question and many others that would have to be answered if courts are to become a reality.

A small group of residents met at Steve Small's home in early May to discuss the concept, location, costs, fund-raising and the possibility of renting the Camp Shalom courts for this season from the new owners. This last idea proved impractical because of the cost of preparing the courts and the rental fees. It was putting the cart before the horse at this stage. Many town residents have already expressed an interest in exploring the idea. If you have any ideas, interest, time to offer to a committee, please contact one of the Park Commission members.

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MONTEREY GRANGE NEWS

Monterey Grange #291 met May 2, 1984. The third degree was conferred by Mary Wallace and degree team, and the fourth degree by Worthy Master Richard Hardisty and regular officers, with Sarah Richard from Umpachene Grange acting as chaplain. Sister Edith Wheeler of the State Home and Community Committee was also present.

The recent food sale held at Adams Super Market was a huge success, and the Grange wants to thank all who helped.

Deputy Alicia Brazie was present at the May 2 meeting for her official visitation.

Monterey Grange #291 met May 16, 1984. Brother Julian Work presented an enjoyable program on the origin of musical instruments for the Musical Portion, the lecturer was in charge of the Mother's Day portion and the chaplain conducted a Memorial Program. Monterey Grange #291 will fill the chairs for Friendship Night on June 4 at West Stockbridge Grange #746. On June 6 will be election of officers, and members are urged to attend. The grange has been invited to a joint birthday party for Nina and Wallace Tryon given by Ray Tryon May 27 at 6 p.m. at the Monterey Fire Department.

— Mary Wallace
Lecturer

SKEPTIC WINS SNOW CONTEST

Despite asserting that the rules of the contest were not up to standard, John Sellw entered the winning guess estimating the date of the last 1984 snow. Stopping by the contest booth at Food Day in February, John complained that the amount of snow needed (about 1/4 inch) hardly qualified for a Monterey snowfall. Despite this protest, John deigned to drop his entry into the box. His guess of March 29 a.m. was closest to the official last snowfall of March 29 p.m. registered on the official piece of scrap wood strategically placed near the greenhouse on the Thieriot farm. If John had been running the contest, of course, he would have lost. Other close estimates were made by Donald Holmes (March 28 p.m.) and Angie Sherrard (April 1 a.m.). John wins \$10 of fruit and/or vegetables from the Thieriot farm.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

The Friends of the Monterey Library will be showing an animated version of *The Hobbit* on Saturday morning, July 14, at 10:30 a.m. in the church basement. There is no admission charge. Children under ten must be accompanied by an adult. The film is one hour and twelve minutes long.

The library's annual Book and Bake Sale will take place on Saturday, July 28, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Any donation of books may be left at the library during regular library hours (Monday, 7 p.m.-9 p.m.; Tuesday, 9:30 a.m.-noon; Wednesday, 3 p.m.-5 p.m.; Saturday, 9:30 a.m.-noon, 7 p.m.-9 p.m.). Cookbooks and children's books are always popular, no matter what the condition.

The Regional Library Funding Bill (S1621), which funds the Western Massachusetts Regional Library System, has reached the Senate Ways and Means Committee in the State Senate. The Regional Library System sends us the book-

mobile which supplements our own book-buying budget by circulating many new books into our library. Without the bookmobile our library could not offer the wonderful current selection it does, or the special order service of books it doesn't have on the shelves. Part-time and full-time residents are urged to write a card to State Senator Peter Webber thanking him for his support and to let them know in Boston that we care about our library.

And, of course, all library lovers are welcome to become a Friend of the Library.

WHEN IS THE LIBRARY OPEN?

To serve you better we ask you to return this questionnaire by June 12. Mail or drop off to the library.

CURRENT HOURS

_____ Monday, 7-9 PM
_____ Tuesday, 9:30-noon
_____ Wednesday, 3-5 PM
_____ Saturday, 9:30-noon/7-9 PM

Please number in order of convenience for you.

Would you use the library if it were open different hours/days? If so, what hours/days would you prefer?

Would you find it a hardship if the library were open 2-8 PM on Wednesday and 9-2 on Saturday?

Are you currently a patron of the library?

Name (optional)

Other suggestions/comments:

Thank you for your time, and please remember:

RETURN BY JUNE 12

for \$96,546 with plow wing-frame, dump body and sander and a new sander for the town's GMC truck. The town expects the truck to last twenty years.

The town pooled resources from several funds to finance the truck: \$15,000 will come from federal revenue sharing funds, \$45,000 from the stabilization fund, \$16,546 from free cash; the amounts left over from previous years' budget, and only \$20,000 will need to be raised through new taxes.

In other business, the town approved hiring a sanitary inspector from an outside firm, relieving the Selectmen from doing that increasingly difficult task themselves. The townspeople agreed to petition, along with New Marlborough, the General Court of Massachusetts an article amending the Constitution for an act creating the Lake Buel Restoration/Preservation District. This would create a proprietary district around Lake Buel allowing landowners to tax themselves to pay for expensive needed measures for preserving the dying lake.

The town also approved the purchase of three beepers for the Police Department for \$900.

The town also voted on whether to rejoin the Berkshire County Mosquito Control Program. In 1981, Monterey voted to exit from the program, but the Lake Garfield Association asked that the issue be reconsidered as an item on the town warrant this year, citing last year's especially heavy mosquito population as reason.

Three members of the Association, David McAllester, Bill Ginzberg, and George McVey, looked into the relative safety and effectiveness of the pesticides used in the county program. Although Mr. Ginzberg and Mr. McVey were convinced by evidence that malathion, the principal insecticide used, is relatively harmless to humans, Mr. McAllester, who gave the report, expressed a dissenting view.

While malathion is considered relatively harmless to humans, he pointed out that it is toxic to fish, bees, birds, and other harmless wildlife. He also reported that mosquitos are only an inconvenience, not a health hazard, in this part of the state, as equine encephalitis, often a reason for spraying programs, has not occurred west of Worcester.

Mosquitos are quick to develop resistance, Mr. McAllester continued, and any relief from malathion would be only "short-term relief."

Peter Schulze, a Monterey resident, gave a report on alternatives to spraying he was asked to research by the Selectmen. Mr. Schulze called the county program "antiquated, obsolete, and environmentally damaging," and suggested the town try something more "innovative and creative."

Mr. Schulze suggested an "integrated pest management" program would be more effective in controlling the mosquito population. Such a program identifies and minimizes breeding areas, which can range from empty beer cans to stagnant bodies of water. Importing the mosquitos' natural predators is a part of this plan: dragonflies, certain types of fish (Gambusia) which feed on mosquito larvae, and a new bacteria, *Bacillus Thuringiensis Israelensis* (BTI).

Actual breeding conditions have more effect on mosquito population than do spraying programs, said local resident and naturalist Bonner McAllester. A dry year followed by a wet year is especially bad, as mosquito eggs are often laid in shallow depressions that become stagnant puddles with enough rain. In a dry year these will not be given a chance to

hatch, but the wet year following will hatch two years' worth of eggs. These temporary bodies of water are ideal breeding areas because they contain none of the mosquito's natural enemies, such as fish.

David McAllester then quoted from a University of Massachusetts entymologist that spraying from a truck to the sides of the road was highly ineffective as a mosquito control, as it reached very little of the population and was mostly psychological in effect.

This was enough for the Monterey townspeople, and the suggestion to rejoin the county program was soundly defeated.

At the end of the meeting, Mr. McAllester moved that "the Selectmen appoint a town insect control committee to investigate an alternative to the state control program and deliver a report at the next annual town meeting."



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Charles Enoe, spring 1918, from Nina Tryon's photo collection

A MEMORIAL DAY PARADE TO BEAT ALL

The Mount Everett marching band canceled. The American Legion canceled. It was raining cats and dogs. Parade Chairman Stefan Grotz and Monterey Fire Chief Ray Tryon stood around in the General Store, wondering what to do. Finally Stefan said, "Men fought in the rain and suffered inconvenience; we should march in the rain to pay them tribute." Chief Tryon agreed. The Monterey Fire Company began donning uniforms. Stefan and Stephanie Grotz called around to recruit participants. The parade came silently down Route 23, Scottie Sheridan bearing the American flag, flanked by Fire Company members Pat Andrus and Linda Whitbeck. The Monterey Selectmen and Reverend Virgil Brallier ushered wreath bearers Michael Ohman, Jason Tanner and Michael Mielke. The Monterey Fire Company followed in ranks. There were a few Brownies, a few Girl Scouts, a good representation of Little League and some Pee Wees. Shaen O'Connor on his pony brought up the rear. The procession made its usual stops at the memorial stones on the library lawn and the church dooryard. There was a tribute made at the Konkapot. The parade turned at the entrance to Greene Park and returned to the center of town, where Joan Boyer sang "America the Beautiful" accompanied by guitar and Arthur Somers played taps.

There was a good crowd assembled in the rain to watch the parade. Many were moved to tears by the simplicity and eloquence of the ceremony. The firemen invited all participants and onlookers up to the firehouse to eat the hot dogs traditionally purchased to feed the hard-working marching band. All agreed that it was a unique Memorial Day Parade which would give everybody plenty to consider during the coming year.

PLANNING UNDERWAY FOR A RESTFUL MONTEREY DAY

I Love Monterey Day will be Saturday, ^{July}~~June~~ 14. Instead of the usual extravagant proliferation of events, there will be a potluck family picnic followed by group singing, musical performances, dancing, or all three. All lovers of Monterey are encouraged to come, enjoy the company, brainstorm ideas and suggest new ways to raise funds for future Monterey Days.

Monterey's social history is replete with impromptu community events of all sorts. By Wallace Tryon's account, there were dime socials in the church basements and games such as Spin the Platter, Drop the Handkerchief, Jinkin's Up and Jinkin's Down, and Slip a Ring on a String. After the games, a lunch "fit for a king" was served. Mothers brought their young children and put them to sleep on benches or chairs in the corners. At the Lake Garfield Golf Club in the early '30s there were dance, clam bakes, corn roasts and potluck suppers. The minister of the day started "sings" on Sunday evenings at which everybody had a hymn book and would call out page numbers of favorite songs and sing till late at night. All through the early years in town there were square dances and "kitchen dances."

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There will be a planning meeting on June ~~14~~ at 7:30 in the church social room to which all interested parties are invited. It is hoped that ways will be found to continue the community traditions of the past and to add innovations out of the present.

COMMUNITY GARDEN NEWS

Once the flood waters recede, the Community Garden plot behind the firehouse will receive a perimeter drainage ditch, compliments of Ray Tryon, and a sound thrashing, courtesy of Bob Theriot's rotovator. Steve and Kathie Maye are planning to mark out a plot for themselves, and any other interested gardeners may call 528-1988 or just stop by when you see somebody working out there.



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Richard Dyer-Bennet

The Monterey Arts Council is hosting a Garden Party at Rock Ridge, the home of Arthur and Alice Somers, on Sunday, July 1, at 1:30 p.m. The festivities will take place in the sunken garden on the east front of Rock Ridge, overlooking Lake Garfield. Originally a Victorian summer house built for Curtis J. Judd in 1898, Rock Ridge was recently accepted for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

Calliope, a nationally recognized quartet of virtuoso musicians, including Allan Dean of Monterey, will perform Renaissance music on an assortment of period instruments with such baffling and seductive names as the rauschpfeife, the gemshorn, the sackbut and the portative organ. The name Calliope derives from the so-named Greek muse, mother of Orpheus, Thracian poet and musician of Greek mythology. The group has been called one of America's finest exponents of early music. Its members all have successful careers on modern instruments as well.

Richard Dyer-Bennet of Monterey, known and loved for years as a balladeer and guitarist, will perform a selection from his latest project, recorded recitation of Robert Fitzgerald's translation of Homer's *Iliad* and *Odyssey*. Mr. Dyer-Bennet, being aware that Homer's great epic poem was spoken and not written in its original transmission, feels that Fitzgerald's translation is also best perceived by the ear. He will recite an episode from the *Odyssey* and will accompany himself, as Homer did, on a lyre.

Refreshments will include sweets, savouries and champagne punch prepared by Michele Miller of Monterey.

The Rock Ridge Garden Party is a fund-raising effort whose purpose is to increase the Arts Council Scholarship Fund and provide seed money for future cultural events. To reserve a ticket, write Monterey Arts Council, Box 100, Monterey, MA 01245. Tickets are \$7.50 each.

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Soviet students visit Joyous Spring Pottery

RUSSIAN STUDENTS VISIT MONTEREY

Seven tall, handsome young Russians visited Monterey Saturday, May 12, and found it "typical of a Russian village."

"The size is typical of Russian villages, and also the people that we met. I was particularly impressed by meetings with farmers," commented Rauf Yabbarov. The students enjoyed meeting and talking with what they felt were "just common people, the best part of America."

The Monterey tour was organized by Bernie Kleban, who has initiated annual visits since he went to Russia in 1976 with a group of teachers. His Intourist guide told Bernie he was soon coming to SUNY Albany on an exchange, so Bernie invited the student and his group to visit. Bernie lived in Arlington, Massachusetts, at the time, but began bringing the students to Monterey when he moved here.

Bernie "wanted them to get the flavor of New England village life." He selected their stops around the theme of the independent businessperson working in the home, a lifestyle option unavailable in Russia. The first stop was the Joyous Spring Pottery, where potters Michael and Hinako Marcus explained the huge kiln. Then Wayne and Susan Dunlop's Rawson Brook Farm illustrated a goat farm and cheese-making operation. Gould Farm was the lunch stop, with a tour of farm buildings. Next was Peter Murkett's class in chairmaking, then church councilman Ray Ward gave a tour of the Monterey church, including a talk on the history of the church, the building, its community uses, the kind of people in the community, and their social concerns. Ray reports the students were very interested and attentive. The final stop before dinner was Eileen Clawson's typesetting business. The day was brought to a close with wine and cheese and dinner at David and Susan McAllester's.

The students, all in their fourth year at the Maurice Thorez Foreign Languages Institute in Moscow, spoke terrific English. They seemed weary of questions, and their answers had the ring of having been said before. A question as to why there were no women among them, for example, brought forth a detailed explanation. The Institute has two departments: Translators and Interpreters, and Teachers. In the translator department, the ratio is reversed. "It's tradition,"

several of the students chorused, with mischievous grins that dared a feminist reply.

The students were eager to extol the virtues of their country. Childcare, for example, costs less than a tenth of the average woman's salary, which they added, were the same as men's. The average salary is \$250/month, but the students were quick to add that medical and educational benefits are free, and rent is \$20/month. They pointed out to several listeners that they are free to work at whatever jobs they like, as long as they are qualified. Eileen Clawson commented, "They have more freedom in some ways than we thought they do; it shows a giant misconception we have here." She noted, however, that the students didn't want to talk about the things they didn't like about Russia.

Several Monterey residents took the opportunity to speak their thoughts about the arms race and world peace. The students listened intently to these thoughts, and seemed to take them seriously.

Susan McAllester noted that although these were top linguistic students, their studies were more in the practical use of English rather than in the pure studies of linguistic theory. David McAllester had an interesting discussion with two of the students on linguistics, however, sharing with them his Navaho dictionary.

Susan Bronson, Gould Farm staff member and Russian studies major, made the most thought-provoking observation. Everyone was impressed by the excellent English spoken by the Russian students, but Susan thought about American language programs. "Nobody is learning Russian," she complained. "It's really disgraceful when you think about it. Here they are, the other superpower, and we can't even speak their language. The first step in understanding is the language, and in the high schools . . . nothing."



Adrienne Molle and Alice Somers carrying Lenny Weber's placard for Monterey at Great Barrington Peace Rally May 19.

NEWS FROM THE MONTEREY KINDERGARTEN AND NEW MARLBOROUGH CENTRAL SCHOOL

In April the New Marlborough Central School received a collection of *National Geographic* magazines with accompanying maps from the estate of Daga and Harry Shulman, long-time residents of Mill River. The students and faculty are most grateful for this kind donation.

On Wednesday morning, May 9, Jerry Smith of Aquatic Adventures, 11 Melville Street, Pittsfield, visited the fourth grade class as a culminating activity for a social studies unit on marine life, oceans and oceanography. Mr. Smith is a professional SCUBA diver and has been diving throughout North America since 1956. Mr. Smith discussed SCUBA gear and SCUBA safety with the class. Then he presented an hour's worth of spectacular photography taken in Baja, California; California; Santa Catalina Island; New England (Rockport and Gloucester); Florida; and Greenwater Pond in Lee, Massachusetts. Mr. Smith ended his presentation with a short commercially made film about the many career opportunities available as a SCUBA diver, marine biologist, oceanographer and underwater photographer. It was an excellent educational experience, and we certainly thank Mr. Smith for *volunteering* his time!

Fourth grade homework awards for the third marking period were given to the following students who had the highest number of perfect homework papers: Tiffany Stephens, Laura Kern, Olivia Williams, Sean Storti, John O'Brien, Frank Soncini, Richard Goewey, Shawn Saunders, Jennifer Murray, Kim Gillette and Chuck Read.

Speaking of contests, four New Marlborough pupils received honorable mention in the Easter coloring contest sponsored by the *Berkshire Courier* and area merchants—Paul Makuc and Jordan Loder, Grade 1; Marta Makuc and Jennifer Stevens, Grade 3. Good work!

In keeping with a long-standing tradition the first and fourth grades surprised each other on May 4 by exchanging May baskets. The lovely hand-decorated baskets contained pansies and were also given to all the staff members.

At the PTA Tupperware Party, held in April, over \$375.00 worth of Tupperware products was sold. For having the party the PTA was awarded the following hostess gifts which they donated to the cooking program at the school: electric hand and beverage mixer, small cannister set, big square keeper, small mix 'n' store pitcher, measuring spoons and salt and pepper shakers. The PTA would like to thank everyone who supported this venture and the children and teachers of the school appreciate the gift of the cooking utensils.

In late April the fourth grade had a Scavenger Hunt which reviewed things they have studied all year. Easter Baskets were the "treasure" found. Perfect scores—Frank Soncini and Chuck Read; first place—Laura Kern and Ramona Mallory; second place—Richard Goewey and Bill Hankey; third place—Tiffany Stephens and Angel Davis; and fourth place—Shawn Saunders and John O'Brien.

The Monterey Kindergarten class has been preparing for their annual dramatization of "favorite childhood poems" to be presented in June to family and friends. In Science they are growing sprouts which the children are enjoying at snack time. Open House, held on May 15, was well attended. All who came enjoyed a preview of art work to be displayed at the

Mount Everett Music and Arts Festival on May 22.

On Friday, April 27, the children at New Marlborough launched over 100 helium-filled balloons as part of the nationwide Writing Pals Balloon Contest sponsored by *Weekly Reader*, the classroom newspaper. Each balloon carried a message from a child and an explanation of the project. Anyone who found a balloon or card was asked to return it to the school. *Weekly Reader* will present a \$500 prize to the school that gets back the message that has traveled the farthest distance. In addition, 100 runner-up prizes will be awarded. Since the annual balloon race began, *Weekly Reader* has furnished about 2½ million free balloons to schools participating in the *Weekly Reader* Writing Pals program, a pen pal program in which *Weekly Reader* pairs classes across the country. The balloon launch was the climax of the fourth grade's participation in *Weekly Reader* Writing Pals. The goal of the program is to motivate children to write to, and become familiar with, students in other parts of the country. Amy Gillette, a second grader, received the first return letter, from Irvin Pohlman of Hamden, Connecticut. Since then, eight more replies have been mailed to the school from Harwinton, Prospect, and Wolcott, Connecticut; and Southampton, Calverton, and Fire Island, New York. At this time, the Fire Island balloons, launched by Erick Shiels and Sara Rubinstein, have traveled the farthest. We'll let you know in the next issue if we receive any more answers.

For Open House the children in second grade made life-size tracings of themselves, which were placed around the classroom, together with speech balloon quotations from every child. The pupils also made a "me" book, listing height, weight, telephone numbers and other pertinent information about himself/herself or family. The students painted plaster of paris heart pins for their mothers on Mother's Day. They also made cards.

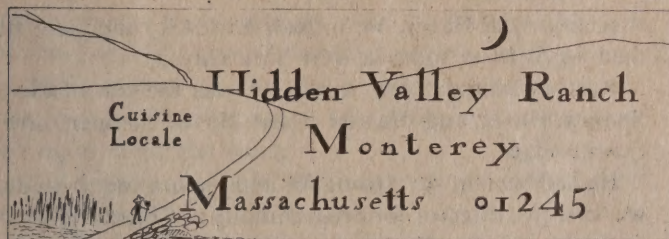
An enthusiastic group of parents came to the Open House held on May 16, and many positive comments were heard from those who attended. Forty-five families visited the school that evening, and the PTA earned about \$300 at their Bake Sale and Book Fair. All in all, it was a most successful event.

On Monday, May 21, 1984, the students and staff of New Marlborough Central School will begin selling tickets to help raise money for video cassette recording equipment for the school. A donation of \$1.00 will give you the opportunity to win the following prizes:

1. A cord of firewood donated by S.B.R.S.D. Building Structures Class;
2. Dinner for two at the Elm Court Inn;
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4. Handmade soft sculptured doll donated by Pam Gillette;
5. Brunch for two at Konkapot Kitchens;
6. Food basket donated by the New Marlborough Girl Scouts;
7. Handmade shawl donated by Judy Ladd

The firewood, doll and shawl will be available for viewing at the school. Tickets will also be available at the Southfield Store. A prize will be given to the student in each grade who sells the most tickets. If you have any questions, please call the school at 229-8867. We thank you for your continued support. Prizes will be awarded on June 8, 1984.

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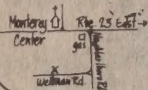


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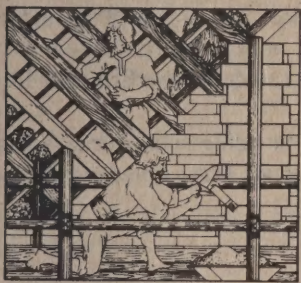
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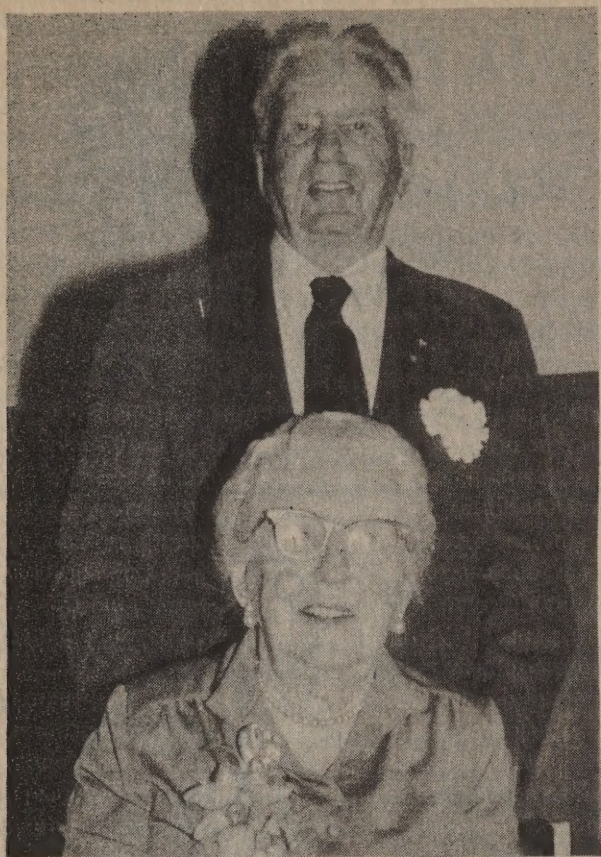
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Wallace and Nina Tryon

WALLACE TRYON TURNS NINETY, NINA NINETY—THREE

About 300 well-wishers attended the birthday party for Wallace and Nina Tryon on Sunday evening, May 27, at the firehouse. Wallace was 90 on Decoration Day, May 30, and his sister Nina will be 93 June 9. There was birthday cake, ice cream, cookies, balloons and crepe paper streamers provided by Wallace's granddaughter Kathie and his granddaughter-in-law, Wendy. Later the Mountain Laurel Band, two of whose members, Joe Baker and Bonner McAllester, are from Monterey, furnished music and calls for contra and square dancing. Some guests danced and some watched. All offered Wallace and Nina best wishes. Part of a long line of Tryons, all of whom have made contributions to the town in one way or another, Wallace and Nina are well loved by all who know them. On Wallace's contribution card to the *Monterey News* this year he described his winter address as "in the house" and his summer address as "in Village, on the Porch." Look for both Wallace and Nina on the porch across from the post office, and pay your respects. Each will offer you good company and good stories.

EMMA PIXLEY ALGER

Emma Pixley Alger, 93, of 98 Federal Street, Springfield, a native of Monterey, died May 8 at Riverdale Gardens Nursing Home in West Springfield.

Born in Monterey on April 21, 1891, she was the daughter of William E. and Harriet E. Fuller Pixley.

Services were May 11 at the Edward F. O'Donnell & Phaneuf-McCarthy Funeral Home, Springfield. Burial was in Elmwood Cemetery in Great Barrington.

SANDY ALAN HAVER

Sandy Alan Haver, 54, of New York City and Lake Buel, died April 18 at home in New York City.

Born in Nutley, New Jersey, he was the son of the late Sydney Haver and Harriet Teitel Haver Sossner, now of Stockbridge.

He had been in advertising for many years and at his death was creative director for programming at Colgate-Palmolive Company of New York.

He and his brother, Thomas B. Haver of Upper Montclair, New Jersey, owned the former Braman Block on Main Street, Stockbridge, where his mother's 7 Arts Antiques shop is housed.

In addition to his mother and brother, he leaves his wife, Sally, of New York City, and three sons, Bram Haver of Sacramento, California; Lance Haver of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and Kyle Haver of New York City.

A private memorial service was held at the Ethical Culture Society in New York City.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family's Easter Flower Scholarship Fund through Mrs. Sossner in Stockbridge.

CALENDAR

Contradance Schedule

Saturday, June 9—At the Sheffield Grange, Route 7. Beginners and children welcome. 8:30 p.m.-12:00 midnight. Joe Baker calling, Mountain Laurel playing. Adults \$3, children \$1. Refreshments. For information call 528-9385.

Saturday, June 23—at the Sheffield Grange, Route 7. Program for people with some previous experience. 8:30 p.m.-12:00 midnight. Joe Baker calling, Mountain Laurel playing. Admission \$3. For information call 528-9385.

Garden Center

Thursday, June 7—"A Verbal Herbal," slide lecture and demonstration by Nina Porter Ford of West Hartford, CT. Mrs. Ford will explore Charlemagne's definition of herbs: "The friend of physicians and the pride of cooks." 1-10:30 a.m. at the Berkshire Garden Center, Routes 102 and 183, Stockbridge. Admission is \$5 per person; reservations by telephone are helpful: 298-3926.

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Saturday, June 16—"Meet Your Subpersonalities," a Day of Getting to Know Yourself. All of us have different parts inside—a Good Guy, an Angry Child, a Pleaser, a Judge, etc. These "subpersonalities" often "pretend" to be all of us. But our true self is different. In this workshop, Judith and David Bach will help you discover some of your major subpersonalities that keep you from living more fully, and will show you a method of stepping back from those parts, to allow your true self to emerge. Call GATEWAYS at (413) 528-3974 for information.

LOST DOGS

Two hound dogs found by Lena Pederson on Route 23, June 2. One is a reddish female, one a brindle male. Now in possession of Berter Moro, warden, Great Barrington. Call to reclaim or adopt.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The *Monterey News* wishes to thank the following for their contributions; their comments follow their names.

Mrs. Helen Sellers—A fine paper—very informative.

David and Judith Kaprelian—Enjoy and look forward to receiving on a regular basis.

Alfred R. Jayson—We enjoy the fine things you are doing and hope to get to Monterey this summer.

Marion Clark—Just great!

Dr. & Mrs. H. Rochfeld—Very interesting and good.

Col. Lawrence J. Bolvig—I enjoy your *News* very much. I like the Gould Farm news because I've been associated with the Farm since 1918, when I went there as a sick boy.

Sigmund & Lillian Bronstein—A "Labor of Love" always so silently eloquent.

Paul & Mary Thorn—Enjoyed picture of our barn at Christmas time.

Mrs. Mary Wallace—It's a great little paper. I enjoy it very much.

M/M Alfred Molle—We certainly enjoy the news in the paper. It keeps us up to date on local happenings, etc.

Miss Amy Enoe—There are many things of interest I wouldn't know if it weren't for the *News*.

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Joanne received her varsity letter from Notre Dame in fencing.

Donald Holmes and **Nan Merrill** have bought the former Monterey Package Store, which they are renovating as a bookstore called The New Spirit. The store will sell books and tapes relating to the "New Age," as well as crafts and pottery. Opening soon.

Joan Weinstein bought the Shapiro house on Route 23 next to the Appalachian Trail and has established a bed and breakfast place called Mountain Trails. The place has been open since February and offers overnight lodging accompanied by full breakfasts.

Our Mahican Indian expert, **David McAllester**, is scheduled at 9:30 a.m. at the Flying Cloud Inn to explain how the Indians used their natural surroundings in their daily lives. This is part of the Audubon Society's spring program.

Wallace and **Nina Tryon** wish to thank everybody who contributed to the good time at their joint birthday party Sunday night, May 27, at the fire station.

David Gauthier was presented a trophy at Mt. Everett Regional School's wrestling banquet on April 12. David, a senior, was tri-captain of the wrestling team this year and had an outstanding season. He is the son of Bob and Barbara Gauthier of Main Road.

Mr. and Mrs. John A. Ryder of Route 23 have announced the engagement of their daughter, **Karen Ann Ryder**, to James Joseph Consolati of Goose Pond, Tyringham. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank P. Consolati of Fairview Street, Lee.

Miss Ryder, a design and drafting consultant with Hill Engineering in Dalton, is a 1973 graduate of Mount Everett Regional School. She received an associate's degree from Greenfield Community College in 1975 and a bachelor of science degree in landscape architecture from Purdue University in 1979.

Mr. Consolati was graduated from Lee High School in 1969 and received a bachelor of science degree in accounting from Bentley College in 1974. He is manager of pension trust administration for Berkshire Life Insurance Company in Pittsfield.

A June 2 wedding is planned at United Church of Christ in Monterey.

The forty-second Cum Laude Society installation of members was conducted Sunday evening, May 27 at Berkshire School.

Founded in Maryland in 1906, the society is to secondary schools what Phi Beta Kappa is to colleges. To be eligible for election a student must have a record of academic excellence. A Monterey resident recognized for her scholastic achievement who was inducted into the Society was senior honor student **Ennis C. Blount**, daughter of Roy A. Blount, Mill River, and Ellen K. Pearson, Monterey. Ennis will attend Stanford University this fall.

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